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# America, the Kingdom of Plenty

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Although there are many opinions as to the cause of conditions that obtain in the financial world today, there can be no difference of opinion as to one thing—namely, that there has never been a time in the history of the United States when there was less reason for hard times than there is today. Never before has the per capita circulation of the country been so great. Never before has the producing power of the people been so strong as it is today. Never before has there been such a crop of wealth reaped in a single year as will be gathered in 1907. Twenty-six billion dollars! That is such a pile of money that the mind can not fully grasp how much it is or what potentialities it possesses. And yet that represents the values which will be produced by the American people during the present year.

In other words, it is their gross earnings for twelve months. Every time the clock ticks these gross earnings amount to nearly eight thousand dollars. If one were to acquire possession of all the gold and all the silver that the whole world has produced since Columbus discovered America, he still would not have enough to buy the products of the energies of the American people in a single year. This astonishing statement can be better understood when it is stated that it would require

nineteen freight trains of thirty cars each, carrying thirty tons to the car, to carry the gold, and 333 trains of similar length and capacity to carry the silver which has been produced since 1492. Put in another way, the gross earnings of the American people amount to \$26 per month for every man, woman and child in the country. To carry the illustration of our annual producing capacity still further, the new union station at Washington, with its terminal facilities, the finest in the world, cost \$12,000,000. The gross value of each year's products of the American people is now sufficient to build 2166 such stations.

No other nation on earth produces as much in a year as the United States. When one comes to compare the production of this country with that of the rest of the world, he begins to see that it is indeed the kingdom of plenty. Though this country has but 5 per cent of the people of the earth, it produces 29 per cent of the world's wheat, 35 per cent of its coal, 24 per cent of its gold, 35 per cent of its manufactures, 38 per cent of its pigiron, 42 per cent of its steel, 55 per cent of its petroleum, 55 per cent of its cotton and 80 per cent of its corn. So much superior is the average American to the average man of all other nations that his earning power is more than double that of the average individual of the rest of the world.

The value of the products of the farm alone for the present year is expected to reach the enormous total of \$7,000,000,000. This is greater than the entire wealth of the United States only fifty-seven years ago. The wealth which the farmers of the United States have produced in ten years amounts to one-half of the entire national wealth produced by the toil and composed of the savings and surpluses of three centuries before 1897. The work of the American hen today represents more than the world's production of gold and silver for the same length of time. Dairy products, almost despised on the farm a half century ago, are now worth \$600,000,000 a year. The products of the factories of the country will this year amount to about \$15,000,000,000. This is three times what it was as recently as 1880. It is as much as the aggregate wealth of the North and the South at the outbreak of the Civil war. The minerals produced in the United States this year represent more than enough to build fifty canals like the one in Panama. At the present rate of production it now takes the people of the United States only a year and two months to produce a gross value as great as the aggregate wealth of the country only thirty-seven years ago.

Yet what the United States is doing today is like sewing by hand and reaping with the old-fashioned sickle as compared with what the future has in store. Conservative estimates put the value of the products of the farm twenty-five years hence at \$15,000,000,000, and those of the factory and the mine at \$25,000,000,000. In the light of what has already taken place, this prediction seems reasonable enough. Immigration alone is now adding more than a million a year to our population, besides the natural increase, yet there is no immediate danger of overcrowding. It is generally conceded that Pennsylvania is not too thickly populated. A statistician has figured that if the whole United States were as thickly populated as Pennsylvania it would afford a home for 420,000,000 people. Or, if such a population be thought too dense, and the present density of population in Ohio be taken as a basis, there would still be room for 300,000,000 people.

Some idea of the effect of the domination of the productive capacity of the world by the United States may be gleaned from the remarks of Andrew Carnegie in this connection. He recently stated that no nation on earth could wage a successful war against the United States. He said that if the supply of foodstuffs we annually export were to be curtailed just 10 per cent prices of foodstuffs in Europe would double, and that if our exports were curtailed one-half, starvation would threaten millions of homes, and

that a hungry world would force the hostile nation to promptly sue for peace. This would be true, because America is the greatest producer, the greatest manufacturer, and the greatest trader of the entire world. Not only has her productive capacity become greater, but her total wealth has come to make other nations look like second-rate powers. She is now worth the enormous total of \$122,000,000,000.

Texas financial men have issued to the merchants of that and adjacent States a statement calling attention to the princely values of the unsold crops of Texas, which will soon go into the markets of this and foreign countries, bringing back a harvest of gold. It is pointed out that the unsold crops of the State are worth \$450,000,000, and that as soon as they go out money must come in. What is true of Texas is true of other States. What Iowa will get in ready cash from her hog and corn crops will be enough to more than meet the requirements of her people. As the Kansas wheat crop journeys to market it will start a stream of gold toward Kansas that will keep the people of that State in plenty for a year. The clearing house business is the best index to the business of the country. Last year this amounted to \$157,000,000,000. As recently as 1896 the bank clearings amounted to only \$52,000,000,000. It will be seen from this that the business of the United States has

been multiplied by three in only twenty years.

If the American people ever should become really hard up they can relieve their scarcity of money by simply cutting down their food supply. The average American in 1871 used 4.60 bushels of flour and wheat. His children of today use 7.08 bushels. The increased consumption amounts to 288,000,000 bushels, which, exported to Europe, would bring us \$200,000,000 in gold. The average man today uses one-ninth more corn and corn meal than did the average man of 1871. He uses more than double as much sugar, and one-fifth more coffee. If he would eat no more today than the people of 1871 did, America could export a half billion dollars worth of foodstuffs more than she does. The average American does not drink quite as much tea and whisky as he did in 1871, but he drinks more than three times as much beer and other malt liquor.

With the gigantic harvests of wealth that the present year is giving the people, with a balance of trade that will bring them more money from Europe than they have ever had before, there is certainly nothing in the conditions that nature has placed upon them to justify any panicky feeling. Our exports will amount to about \$20 per capita today, where they amounted to less than \$13 in 1893. We have \$33

per capita in circulation now, where we had only \$24 at that time. The corn crop this year is nearly double what it was in 1893. The same is true of the cotton crop, which is worth more to the pound. The rice crop will be about three times as large. The production of coal is more than doubled. The same is true of petroleum, while the increase in the production of pig iron and steel has been trebled. The earning power of the 35 per cent of the population who live by agricultural pursuits has increased 60 per cent since 1893, and the increased earning power of the other 65 per cent has kept substantially the same pace.

In view of all this, does it not seem inconsistent and improbable that the shadow of hard times should again fall over this rich land? It is unbelievable that the American people, possessors of the greatest resources on the globe, tireless in their energies and unsurpassed in their skill, should be precipitated into a period of general depression at this time when their fields are producing so bountifully and the wheels of their great industries are revolving so smoothly. Although the causes are not of their making, it does not follow that the remedy is beyond their control. Let those in charge of the high places in our government strike quick and sure at the root of this evil, and the sun of prosperity will continue to shine in the kingdom of plenty.

## Buster & Gardner's



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There are many things to be thankful for this 1907 Thanksgiving. Regretful though it is, there are also some things we are not thankful for, due to recent events.

There will be much cause for thanksgiving in the thousands of homes where Gardner Clothes are worn. When the men of the house think of their Suit or Overcoat with its nobby style and fine appearance; when the mother thinks of the smartly dressed boy at the other side of the table, each will find abundant reason for being thankful that there is a store which made it possible to be becomingly clad at a cost easily within their reach.

And this gratitude will increase as the financial situation makes it manifest from time to time that more rigid economy must be observed in the personal expenses.

The Gardner store is best prepared to supply Thanksgiving Clothes for Men and Boys.

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THE QUALITY STORE  
130-132 MAIN ST.

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Pint Chow-Chow, C & B.	35c
Schillings Tea, package.	20c
Mocha and Java Coffee, pound.	25c
Any kind of Table Fruit.	15c
One gallon Log Cabin Maple Syrup.	\$1.25
Half gallon Log Cabin Maple Syrup.	65c
Quarter gallon Log Cabin Maple Syrup.	35c
Three Cans Best Corn.	25c
Three-pound Package Gold Dust.	20c
27 Bars of any kind of Laundry Soap.	\$1.00
Java Coffee, pound.	20c
Bakers' and Huyler's Chocolates, pound.	35c
Five pounds Navy Beans.	25c
Four pounds Lima Beans.	25c
Green Tea, package.	15c

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## PRESIDENT DESIRES NO FEDERAL BOOST

Regards Work in His Behalf by Office Holders as Improper and Discourteous.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—President Roosevelt has addressed a letter to members of his cabinet requesting them to inform federal employees under their jurisdiction to refrain from activity with the object of the re-nomination of President Roosevelt. The text of the letter has not been made public, but its contents are substantially as follows: "I am informed that certain office holders in your department holding various positions throughout the country contemplate attending Republican conventions in their respective states and urging the endorsement of myself for the presidential nomination. I wish that you would direct federal office holders in your department who have such a thing in view that I would regard it as an act of impropriety and discourtesy."

"The Girl from Montana." Animated pictures: Millie Williams and Fred Sanford in illustrated songs, together with other features, will open the Majestic Theater (First South St., opposite Salt Lake Theater) tonight at 7 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents.

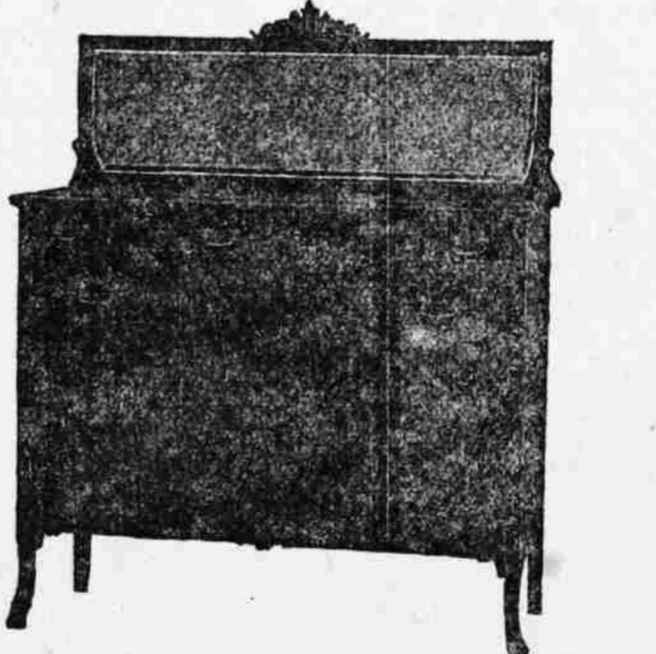
## Observer's Observations

I observe that the grand jury is investigating everything but that for which it was called.  
That the Deseret News is not roasting the Republican party for the deficit in the county funds.  
That the street at the corner of Tenth East and First South is in bad condition for winter.  
That riding bicycles without either bell or light is the order of both day and night in Salt Lake City.  
That the time of year is again approaching when the heels are to be educated at the expense of the head.  
That "Old Sol" has a big job on his hands this winter keeping the snow off the sidewalks.  
That the automobile is disputing with the children the right of way to the streets of the city.  
That while Teddy raises hades with the trusts, the trusts are raising money for the "busts."  
That Plummer and Morris, with all the rest of Salt Lake, sleep more soundly than they possibly could have done if either of them had been elected Mayor.  
That love never produces headache, while the so-called affinity never produces anything else.  
That the grave as often exposes the skeleton in the closet as it hides it.  
That "justice" has no feeling for woman's shame.  
That the wages of sin is not only death, but disgrace with it.  
That the grave is a successful agent for taking the temper out of steeled hearts.  
That regrets never recover lost opportunities.  
That tears do not mend broken promises.  
That the "furnace of affliction" never gets hot enough to consume some people's pride.  
That a courage that can, without trembling, face a cannon's mouth often gives way before a woman's smile.

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Or how little you want to pay, we know you will surely find at our fur parlors something that will suit your need. Mehesy, the Furrier, Knutsford hotel.

**Tribune Want Ads.**  
Bell phone 5291. Ind. phone 360-348.  
New term adult classes will open at Christensen's Dancing Academy, Monday night, November 25, at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock.

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Tribune-Reporter Ptg. Co., 66 W. 2nd St.  
**City Improvements.**  
The modern carpet cleaning plant of the West, Thornburg's. Phones 1006.  
Ask your grocer for the Vienna Walnut Bread.



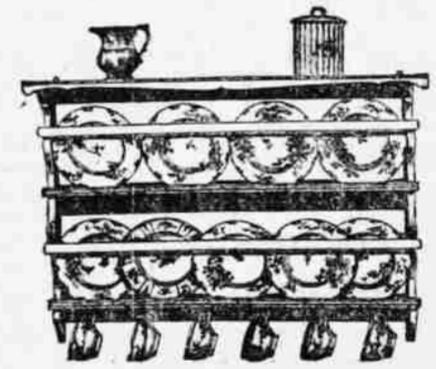
**Handsome Buffet for \$31.75**  
Thanksgiving Special

A beautiful Dining Room Piece at a price that is no approach to its real value. The cut shows the design. An inspection of the Buffet shows it to be better than it looks in the picture. You must see it to appreciate its value.

While seeking Dining Room Furnishings this week, you will be enabled to view the wealth of beautiful and dependable pieces and sets for every room of the house. "The Store Beautiful" is stocked to the ceilings with all the creations of the year, and offers every attraction to any one contemplating household improvements. Visitors are always welcome.

## THE STORE Beautiful

Next Thursday is the day of feast—the day on which the dining room will be the home's attraction, especially so if it is furnished as we would furnish it, to your entire satisfaction. We have secured everything that the occasion demands, and arranged many important specials at prices anything but burdensome. Visit "The Store Beautiful" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and you will learn the way to a "Dining Room Beautiful" and substantial for Thanksgiving Day.



**Splendid Plate Rack.**  
Thanksgiving Special,  
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Style as shown in cut. Top shelf, two rows for plates and bottom row of cup hooks.  
Choice of two finishes, Golden and Weathered Oak.

Dining Tables, Chairs, China Closets, Sideboards, Buffets, Plate Racks and Dinner Sets, selected for the event and priced within reach of all.



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**Roman and Indian Stools, Choice**  
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Roman Stool with velvet cushion and Indian Stool with self-finished slat seat. Both in Golden or Weathered Oak and Mahogany.

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